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10 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: OD/CO

VIA: SE/CPP

SUBJECT: Daily Progress Report for Friday, 7 November 1952

BACKGROUND

1. Information has been received from Athens that the two Albanians who entered Greece on the night of 24-25 October and represented themselves to be members of the Red Team (reported in Daily Report for 3 November 1952) proved to be two men who lived with members of the Red Team in Prizren, Yugoslavia when the latter exfiltrated from Albania to Yugoslavia sometime ago. These men report that the original Red Team is now in prison in Yugoslavia and that they claimed to be connected with the Red Team in order to secure admission in Greece and to be put in touch with U. S. representatives. Since the two exfiltrates may represent a Yugoslav penetration attempt, they will be thoroughly interrogated. (IN-10653)

2. Athens reports the receipt of a message from the Fig Team operating in Southeastern Albania (reported in Daily Report for Wednesday, 22 October 1952). The message requests that arms and ammunition for 200 men who are ready to take to the mountains and says that if equipment cannot be supplied, these men should exfiltrate into Greece. Since the maintenance of an illegal band of this size would not only represent a serious supply problem but also an undesirable risk of touching off a large scale disturbance, the Fig Team has been instructed to discourage the proposed movement on the grounds that the men involved will be more useful if they remain where they are until a more opportune time for action. (IN-11233)

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